

# Institut Simone de Beauvoir Institute

WOMEN'S IDENTITY AND IMAGE: RECENT APPROACHES

WMNS C291/4- AA

1985/86

Special topic:

W O M E N   A N D   H E A L T H

Society's ideas and perceptions about women have had profound impact on the mental and physical health care provided for them.

In this course, we will examine how recent changes in women's identity and image have altered the relation between women and health care providers. Women have become more knowledgeable about their bodies and the feminist health movement has encouraged them to take primary responsibility for their own health.

In this course, following a brief historical review of earlier female health measure and the emergence of professional authority, we will concentrate on current perspectives and on selective aspects of health issues. Our objectives will be to :

- (a) learn about a range of health situations,
- (b) discuss their social/political context,
- (c) compare folklore about women's mental and physical health to research findings,
- (d) examine women's role in their own health and the rôle in the health professions.

Students are encouraged to participate in classroom discussions and relate the course material to their personal experience. The course is required for Women's Studies majors and minors. It is recommended as an elective for other students who have an interest in women's health.

There will be a textbook and additional reading assignments in this course. Students will be asked to write one exam, to carry out and write up a project, and to present it to the class.

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